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THE
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"Those who do not treasure up the memory of their ancestors do not deserve to be remembered by their posterity"—Edmund Burke.

Our ancestors came to America from Switzerland and settled in Lancaster County. They were followers of Menno, who was born in West Friesland in 1496. Educated a priest, like Luther, he renounced the popery and formed a new sect known as Mennonites. Among the fundamental teachings of Menno was opposition to war, disbelief in infant baptism, abstention from profanity, non-participation in civil government, and the practice of rigid simplicity and stout self-denial. The holy Christian life in opposition to worldliness was the point whence Menno proceeded and to which he always returned.

The early history of the Swiss Brethren or Mennonites is a story of frightful persecutions endured with rare and heroic fortitude. Menno himself, during the greater part of his ministry, went about with a price upon his head.

In 1681 Charles II of England granted William Penn a great tract of land in the New World. Penn, the Quaker, opened an asylum to the oppressed, and about the beginning of the eighteenth century the Mennonite immigration to Lancaster County began.

One of the characteristics of Mennonites is their instinct for fine lands. They are the most thorough and patient farmers. The fame of Lancaster County as an agricultural district is largely due to them. The highly cultivated land, the substantial stone houses and barns, large and excellent orchards and the best of cattle is characteristic. Many of the finest farms in York and Adams counties and in the Cumberland and Shenandoah valleys, to which the Mennonites spread, are owned by them.

E. K. Martin in his chapter in "Mennonites of Lancaster Conference," published by Mennonite Publishing House, pays this tribute: "Nothing can be purer and gentler than the inner motives of Mennonism. Their visible peculiarities of dress, which, after all, are as harmless as they are meaningless when compared with that in them which is invisible, their strong Christian natures, earnest piety, deep devotion to principle, their unswerving fidelity to truth, their Christian conduct in secular affairs, their godliness in everyday life, and their charity that vaunteth not itself."

Our first known forebear is John Hostetter, born in Lancaster County in 1791. He came to Adams County about 1810, following his elder brother Ulrich, and located in Union Township, where he purchased a farm. This farm of about 200 acres he operated profitably and, although later divided, is still in the Hostetter name.

In 1845 he donated the ground upon which the first meeting-house, which still bears his name, was erected the same year. He also built the first schoolhouse in the vicinity and opened it to all denominations. John Hostetter was the second resident bishop. He died October 5, 1866, aged 75 years, and his funeral services were conducted by two preachers from Lancaster County: John Landis, of Petersburg, in German; and Jacob Andrews, of Strasburg, in English.

There are three Mennonite meetinghouses in this vicinity. Bairs, located three miles east of Hanover on the York Road, was first erected in 1774. Th twelve acres land was sold by the Proprietary government of John and Thomas Penn to Michael Danner, in trust for the use of the Mennonite Church of that community, for the sum of six pounds. In 1845 Hostetter's meetinghouse was built in Union Township, Adams County. It was used 54 years when the present edifice was erected and opened August 6, 1899. In 1870 the Hanover meetinghouse was built on Broadway, which was replaced by a larger brick building in 1881. Many of our ancestors are interred in the burial grounds of these meeting-houses.

Abraham Hostetter was ordained as a minister in this district about 1860, serving the congregation eight years until his death in 1868. He was a member of the ministerial board with his father, Bishop John Hostetter, for six years. He acted independently and courageously on occasion, notably when he voted for Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860 and when he befriended Union soldiers at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Jacob K. Hostetter, another son of Bishop John Hostetter, was ordained in 1881. During the nineties he with his family resided in Lancaster County, where he preached for the Weaverland Conference. His last years were spent in his old home in the York-Adams district.

In the attached compilation the writer has had the valuable assistance of "Uncle Jake" Hostetter, beloved patriarch of the family, in whose honor the genealogy is issued, the occasion being his eighty-fifth birthday. Jacob H. Hostetter is a worthy son of his fathers, faithful to their belief, a kindly gentleman whose sterling character and fine qualities of heart and mind are admired by all who know him.

A copy of our family tree is available for each person whose name appears thereon. Every effort was made to have it accurate and complete, but if there are any errors or omissions pardon is asked. A copy has been placed in the Hanover Public Library as a permanent record.

HUGH B. HOSTETTER.

Hanover, Pennsylvania.

April 12, 1937.

JOHN HOSTETTER (Bishop) — (1 MARY BAIR)

Jan. 26, 1791

Sept. 13, 1795

Oct. 5, 1866

Jan. 17, 1817

Child of John Hostetter and Mary Bair

John B. Hostetter

(Anna Kindig)

Jan. 11, 1817

Apr. 30, 1821

Feb. 13, 1872

Aug. 13, 1887

Children of John Hostetter and Anna Kindig

Daniel M. Hostetter

June 12, 1848

Nov. 20, 1850

Sarah J. Hostetter

Oct. 31, 1851

Aug. 11, 1904

Mary C. Hostetter

Mar. 4, 1861

Sept. 3, 1891

(2 ANNA H. KEAGY)

Aug. 2, 1794

Apr. 17, 1876

Children of John Hostetter and Anna Keagy

Abraham Hostetter — (1 Anna Forry)

Oct. 5, 1820

Nov. 21, 1817

Feb. 14, 1868

July 13, 1845

Married March 16, 1843

Child of Abraham Hostetter and Anna Forry

Barbara Hostetter

— (Samuel L. Witmer)

Dec. 25, 1843

July 15, 1848

Apr. 2, 1932

Dec. 24, 1927

d Harvey H. (Ella Dorcus)

John D. (Dorothy Van Dusen)

John D.

Margaret

Joan

Helen

Anna

Grace M. (Ralph E. Trone)

Samuel T. (Louise Greenewald)

Mary L. (William Patterson)

Barbara E. (Richard Young)

Henrietta F. (Richard C. Hekes)

Jane H.

d Aaron S.

(2 Mary Huber)

Aug. 14, 1825

Feb. 20, 1875

Married Feb. 8, 1848

Children of Abraham Hostetter and Mary Huber

Samuel Hostetter — (Fannie E. Tanger)

June 10, 1849

Feb. 1, 1856

Oct. 5, 1892

Mar. 16, 1935

Blanche E. (Grover C. Murphy)

Robert

Edward

d David

William

A. Roscoe (Margaret S. Sholly)

Samuel H.

Helen E.

d H. Hilda (Jacob Hostetter)

d Anna B.

D. Clyde (S. Reba Miller)

Fannie E.

Anna Magdalena Hostetter — (David M. Forry)

July 11, 1854

Jan. 27, 1850

July 26, 1879

Nov. 2, 1897

Bertha A. (Alvin R. Nissly)

Catherine

Mary Lou (Rev. Oliver W. Powers)

Emanuel H. Hostetter — (Fannie V. Bingley)

June 28, 1856

May 29, 1859

Nov. 19, 1906

June 28, 1935

Hugh B. (Grace S. Hoke)

Oscar H. (Aloise Tabb)

Marjorie T. (William Collins)

d Francis B.

H. Tabb

J. Edward (1 Julia Matteson)

(2 Jennie Matteson)

Richard M.

Edwina

Helene

Mary B. (Henry R. Konrad)

Henrietta B.

Mary Elizabeth Hostetter — (Mosheim A. Yingling)

Sept. 23, 1861

May 9, 1858

Jan. 8, 1885

Jan. 27, 1906

Samuel W. (Mazie M. Hoke)

Emma Jane Hostetter
Dec. 18, 1863

— (Harry B. Baer)
Mary 28, 1856
March 19, 1937

Fannie H.
Mary E.
Herbert J. (Laneda Duckworth)

Aaron Hostetter
May 25, 1866
Nov. 11, 1912

— (Wortha Koplin)
d May 22, 1919

Harriet (Bernard C. Gates)
Charles
Philip
A. Koplin

Alverta Hostetter
Nov. 16, 1867
Mar. 18. 1869

Jacob H. Hostetter
April 12, 1852

— (I. Eva Fisher)
April 5, 1855
May 4, 1934

Gertrude S.
Abraham (Martha W. Woodrow)
Charlotte M. (Joseph Ward)
Joseph Ward, Jr.
Patrick E.
Luce
Alice R.
Fisher
Ralph
John J.
Robert W.
M. Jean.

Nettie V.
M. Estelle (Eustace C. De Putron)
d Raymond B. (Jennie Eaton)
Margaret E. (John Derscherl)
Barbara J.
Ruth E. (William Hopkins)
Jane E.

E. Juliet
Ruth B.
Harold F. (Ada A. Forry)
Hraold J.
D. Guy
Raymond D.
Juliet M.

H. Dorothea (J. Barnes Kintzing)
Eva A. (R. Harper Sheppard)
Henrietta, D.
J. Barnes, Jr.
Marion DeH.
Robert H.
Nancy
G. Susan

Jacob K. Hostetter (Minister) — (1 Mary Weikert)
Oct. 5, 1824 June 13, 1831
Nov. 18, 1898 Nov. 10, 1874

Children of Jacob K. Hostetter and Mary Weikert

John H. (1 Mary Eshleman)

Dr. Jacob E. (Emma Worst)

John H. (Laura Hillard)

John

Margaret

George

Susan A. *died*

David E. *died*

J. Emory (Edna B. Stoner)

Charles E. *died*

Ruth E.

John S. *died*

Marguerite E.

Grace B.

Clair E.

Anna L.

Jay E. *died*

Alpheus (Catherine A. Stambaugh)

Richard T. (Viola Reid)

Ruth Viola Ann

A. Irvin (K. Mabel Hetrick)

Oscar L. (May Morbeck)

Esther G.

John E.

Katherine M.

Irvin H.

Irene M.

Kenneth

Armon

Daniel E (1 Grace Wehler) J. Virgil

(2 Virgie Crouse)

Pearl

Hazel

Daniel

Joseph E. (1 Anna Martin) (*Bishop*)

Mary M. (Paul Good)

Aaron M.

J. Martin

John M. *died*

(2 Lydia H. Nolt)

Samuel N.

Jacob N.

Lizzie N.

Anna N.

Amos N. *deed*

David Lydia N. *deed*

(3 Maria Martin)

Henry H. (Minnie Showalter)

Menno H.

Anna G.

Amos Mary A.

John H.

Ada R.

Samuel L. (Ellen M. Shank)

Charles

Glenn

Doris

(2) Mary Horst, (2nd. wife of John H. Hostetter)

Anna R. (David M. Frey)

Harvey J. (Katie Tauser)

Samuel M.

Mary Ellen (George Wolff)

Annie

Grace

Esther

Mildred

Emma J.

Catherine I. (Samuel L. Krug)

Harry (Jennie Bange)

Garnet (Curvin Grogg)

Burnell

Harry (Helen Spicer)

Mary (William Sterner)

Samuel (Mary Koontz)

Catherine

Edna

Franklin

Kenneth

Richard

Robert

Susan A. (Peter D. Shank, Minister)

Jacob D. (Clara M. Yohe)

Melvin (Katie Hurst)

Esther

Lois

Grace

Amos (Esther Horst)

Vergie

John

Anna

Virgie (Clinton Forry)

Alvin D. (Fannie Kuhns)

Mary E.

Ira B.

Samuel P.

John D.

Mary S.

Sarah E. (John Ditzler)

Alta (John Kindig)

Ethel

Ivan

Irma (1 Harper Fisher)

Anna (Eugene Spangler)

Shirley

Barbara Ann

Gordon (Winifred Henry)

Gordon, Jr.

John M.

(2 Irvin T. Naill)

Mary (Freeland Baughman)

Peggy Ann

Grace

Jacob H. (Katie Reigle)

Lloyd

Anna

Edna

Mary

Harold

John D.

Betty Jane

Amos J. (Annie M. Batterman)

Jacob

Mary K. (Roy O. Coulson)

Clyde D.

Martha I.

Anna M.

Margaret

Martha (Martin F. Frey)

Harold

Samuel E. (Katie Kornhaus)

John J. (Ruth E. Berkey)

Gladys

John J.

Carroll

Anna C. (John H. Alger)

John P.

Robert S.

(Incomplete)

(Continued Children of Samuel E. and Katie Kornhaus)

Mary E.
Emma G.
Samuel F.
Ida M.
Nora I.
Joseph E.
Sarah M. (Franklin Weber)
Ada R. (Milford Hertzler)
Amos B.
Edith G. (Richard Martin)
Eva B.
David H.

Margaret V. (Aaron W. Burkholder, Minister)
Ada H. (Joseph N. Hoover)

Anna
Maggie

Minnie H. (Jonas M. Reif)

Aaron
Esther

Jacob H. (Emma W. Sensenig)
Aaron

Daniel H.
Aaron H.
Anna H. (Mr. Leid)
John H.

Abraham.

(2 Catharine Lohr)

Oct. 12, 1835
Nov. 4, 1907

Child of Jacob K. and Catharine Lohr

Minnie (Charles H. Bittinger)
Florence C. (Hoyer Jensen)
Margaret L.
Mary E. (Sidney White, Jr.)
Nancy S.
Edna L. (Millard Sterner)
Lillian N. (Joseph Bollinger)
Barbara A.
S. Earl Bittinger

Benjamin Hostetter	—	(Maria Forry)
Sept. 25, 1832		Aug. 14, 1833
July 25, 1882		Aug. 29, 1911

Ezra (Agnes Bush)
Robert (Treva Baumgardner)
Anna Mae
Chester (Ruth Noel) Phyllis
Worton (Gertrude Kuhn)
Mary, Laverne, Ralph

d Abraham (Louisa Basehoar)
Blanche (Horace C. Moul)
Elizabeth
Janet C.
Bertha (Richard Charmbury) Nedlyn
G. Edwin

d Henry—

John (Annie Etzler)
Larue (Clair Deardorf)
Percell (Mildred Leese) John Jr.
Henrietta

d Benjamin (Katherine Ickes)
Naomi

Anna K. Hostetter — (Christian Herr, Minister)

Apr. 19, 1822 1812

Oct. 12, 1893 Aug. 26, 1880

Elizabeth K. Hostetter (Samuel Grove)

Feb. 26, 1827 Nov. 12, 1824

July 13, 1894 Mar. 28, 1894

d John (Annie Sell)
Cora, Howard, Charles.

d Daniel—

d Samuel (Lillie Sell)

Eva (Charles Spangler)

Olive (Harry H. Fluhrer)

Mary (Abraham Martin)

d George (Mame Keifer)

Martin (1 Lillie Ferry)

(2 Mary Elmina Confehr)

d Annie (George D. Kindig)

d Abraham (1 Emma Krug)

(2 Sevilla Little Baer)

d Henry (1 Louise Schwartz) Edna, (Mr. Hardwick)
(2 Miss Horner) Emory (Helen Weaver)

Mary Hostetter (Martin Grove)

Jan. 29, 1829 Apr. 2, 1827

Nov. 9, 1910 June 21, 1883

Mary (Edwin J. Lawyer)

W. Grove (Aeriana Todd)

Clarence M. (Rebecca Gitt)

Clarence M.,

Lillian.

Susan K. Hostetter

Oct. 9, 1830

Dec. 16, 1893

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